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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I am reading your book, "Whitewash II", having read your previous book and almost everything else relating to the assassination of our great, able and honest president.

With you, I am certain that the Warren Commission made no effort to ascertain the truth; that, on the contrary, it deliberately sought to perpetuate a lie. But the implications are too staggering. One would rather have one's suspicions proven wrong than right. It appears to be a vain hope that the government will ever again re-open the case and history will have to depend upon people like you, who are willing to sacrifice their time and money and even their reputations, to uncover the truth.

The record appears to be too full of inconsistencies ever to be set aright--ever to allow for full explanations--and time will make the web more difficult to untangle. However, there seems to me to be one avenue of investigation that has never been traversed and that should contain a fruitful lead. Namely: if the assassination of President Kennedy was carefully planned and if Oswald was chosen as the fall guy before the event, as your assumption of a "false Oswald" indicates, then the same person or group of conspirators would have had to be influential both in placing Oswald at the TSBD and in routing the presidential motorcade past the TSBD. Who really got Oswald his job? Who made the first proposal for the motorcade to pass down Elm Street (instead of, for example, continuing down Main Street?) and who made the final decision that it would be so? If the assassination was part of a conspiracy, then there had to be conspirators at work at this planning level.

There is another matter that troubles me by its very obviousness. The bullet which supposedly wounded both the president and Gov. Connally does not seem to have had any trace of blood on it. This has never been explicitly stated, but it is certainly implied by the very absence of any statement to the contrary. Wouldn't it be impossible for a bullet to be so clean after wounding anyone--even slightly? And could a bullet that passed through the bodies of two people be completely cleaned of any trace of flesh or blood by anything short of the most thorough chemical cleansing?

I am well aware, Mr. Weisberg, that you do not have time to reply to what must be a voluminous correspondence and I do not expect a reply. However, you might consider what I have mentioned as part of your continuing investigations and for emphasis on the clean and undeformed bullet in future writings.



I thank you, as a concerned American, for your efforts to solve a tragic and shameful mystery.

Yours truly

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Dear Mrs. Bass,

Many thanks for taking the time to write and express your concern, which I find is that of most Americans -and it should and must be!

Of course, I can be wrong. However, I think there was nothing sinister in Oswald's getting a job at the TSPD and that those who framed him merely made use of this circumstance.

Others disagree with me on this. I do not insist I am right.

The question of the shift in route is still a question, for the Commission did not address it. Rather, it pretended there was no change.

I go into the residues on the bullet in my first book. In my as-yet unpublished POST MORTEM, I carry this much further. Your presumption is correct.

Please excuse the haste. Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg